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RECEIVED In re Patent Application of CENTRAL FAX CENTER Martin BICHSEL Date: February 23, 2004 FEB 8 6 2004 Serial No.: 09/102,939 Group Art Unit: 2645 Filed: June 23, 1998 Examiner: M. Opsasnick For METHOD FOR THE COMPRESSION OF RECORDINGS OF AMBIENT NOISE, METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF PROGRAM ELEMENTS THEREIN, AND DEVICE THEREFOR Via Facsimile: (703) 872-9306 Commissioner for Patents PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.17. 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8 Sir: Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Asst. Commissioner for Paterits to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by ONE_month. You are authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700 the amount of \$110.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as: _X_ Response within first month _X_ not small entity (\$110) ___ small entity (\$55) Response within second month ____ not small entity (\$420) ____ small entity (\$210) Response within third month ___ not small entity (\$950) ___ small entity (\$475)

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